



Village of Black Earth

Village Board Meeting

1210 Mills St., Black Earth, WI 53515

November 6th, 2024 | 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
 - a. Present : Moyer, Helmenstine, Hodson, Munson, Patchin, Marks
 - b. Absent: Louis-Reindl
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Proof of Posting: A copy of the notice was delivered to the following By **Tuesday November 5th, 2024**: emailed to the Editor of Star News, MBE CPA – Black Earth, and Lake Ridge Bank – Black Earth; posted at the Black Earth Municipal Building, Black Earth Post Office, and Black Earth Web Page. - Read in by Terry Moyer.
4. Public Comment (Please limit to 3 minutes)
 - a. Norman Hahn, 1925 Blue Mound St– stated he was attending for fluoride discussion
 - b. David Gilreath, 1519 Center St – In attendance for the fluoride discussion and stated our government says that fluoride is a neurotoxin
5. Discussion/Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 1st, 2024.
 - a. Motion by Hodson with a second by Patchin to approve the minutes from October 1, 2024. Motion passes.
6. Discussion/Action: Operators License Applications
 - a. Francisco Ramirez submitted by The Shack (NEW, approved by Officer Kartman)
 - b. Jagmit Pangli submitted by The BP (renewal)
 - c. Rosanne Riccio submitted by The BP (renewal)
 1. Motion by Hodson to approve the operators licenses as presented. Second by Marks. Motion carried.
7. Discussion/Action: Pellitteri administrative fee funds designation.
 - a. \$2.50/customer/month
 1. Fees are already designated. No action
8. Discussion/Action: Recommendation from Public Works Committee – South St./Caminiti Utility Easement
 - a. Motion by Helmenstine to approve the recommendation from the Public Works Committee to move forward with the South St./Caminiti Utility Easement with a cost of \$60,000. Second by Hodson. Motion carried.
9. Discussion/Action: Recommendation from Public Works Committee – Fluoride
 - a. Presentations were given by Ronessa Strozier, Kat Grande, Johny Johnson, Brenda Staudenmaier and Norm Hahn with discussion by board members.
 - b. No action taken
10. Discussion/Action: Olson Toon Landscaping Proposal – Veterans Park
 - a. Motion by Patchin to accept the bid of \$12395.23 from Olson Toon Landscaping for the trees in Veterans Park. Second by Helmenstine. Motion carried.
11. Discussion/Action: ARPA Spending and Budget 2025
 - a. Motion by Hodson to use remaining ARPA money to replace the street lights. Second by Helmenstine. Motion carried.
12. Discussion/Action: Invoices to be Paid
 - a. Motion by Munson to approve the invoices to be paid. Second by Patchin. Motion carried.
13. Committee Reports
 - a. Clerk/Treasurer & Financial Reports (Abegglen) – Presented an updated financial report with October reconciliations included. Thanked everyone for the warm welcome and thanked the office staff for their hard work.
 - b. Vanguard Commission – Next meeting is set for November 19, 2024
 - c. Electrical Superintendent Report (Meier) – Working on a line extension currently.
 - d. Black Earth Fire District – There will be a name change to the district.
 - e. Dane-Iowa Wastewater Commission – Next meeting November 13, 2024

- f. Economic Development Committee - None
- g. Emergency Management - None
- h. EMS Committee - None
- i. Gateway to the Driftless - None
- j. Library Board – Currently have 3 candidates for director position. Next meeting November 19, 2024
- k. Library Director Report - None
- l. President's Report (Moyer) - none
- m. Public Works Director Report (Kahl) – Working on leaves, sweeping and compost, A bench was donated and is assembled.
- n. Public Works Committee – Meeting November 18 at 6pm
- o. Parks Committee - Meeting November 18 at 5:30pm
- p. Police Committee - None

14. Motion to enter closed session pursuant to

- a. Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e), Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Sale of Parcel # 107/080626428315 and Discussion of Purchase on Parcel # 107/080626435923)(Roll call vote)
- b. Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c), Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility." (Considering Employment, promotion, compensation or performance)
 - 1. Motion by Patchin to enter closed session. Second by Marks Entered into closed session. Board members, Matt Kahl, and Craig Abegglen in attendance.
 - 2. Helmenstine- yes, Hodson- yes, Munson – yes, Patchin – yes, Marks - yes, Moyer – yes. Entered closed session.

15. Motion to arise from Closed Session and reconvene in Open Session

- a. Motion by Hodson to move to open session. Second by Patchin. Motion carried.

16. Discussion/Action: Closed Session items

- a. Motion by Hodson to move as discussed in closed session for the purchase of the parcel. Second by Munson. Motion carried.
- b. Motion to accept the contract for joint county police at \$267734 for 2025. Second by Helmenstine. Motion carried.

17. Any other business that may be brought before the board on future agendas.

- a. none

18. Setting of the Next Village Board Meeting: Tuesday December 3rd, 2024.

19. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Hodson to adjourn at 8:30pm. Second by Patchin. Meeting Adjourned.
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